

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, the sacraments, and each other.

Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion and commitment.

#### PARISH STAFF

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1247 Kentucky St.		
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Shop our second hand store of use	•	
Shopping Hours:		
Wednesday — 11am-3pm		
Thursday (first and last of month only) — 1pm-4pm		
Saturday — 8:30am-12:30pm		
Centro Hispano	Lydia Diebolt	

#### SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044 Phone(785) 843-0109		
Summer Office Hours:		
Weekend Masses         4:30pm           Sunday		
Weekend Spanish Mass Sunday2:00pm		
Weekday MassesMonday-Friday7:30amSaturday8:00am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance) Wednesday11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm Saturday3:00-4:00pm (and by appointment)		
AdorationMon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 6:00am—1:00pm,Wednesday: 6:00-11:00am in the Padre Pio Chapel		

**Bulletin Deadline.** Submit info by noon on Thursday to bulletin@saint-johns.net ten days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear. Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(785) 843-2039

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Darin Denning at **(785) 760-0788**.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church starting at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend!

204 W. 13th St.



## **BREAD** TO OFFER

By Fr. Jeff Ernst, OFM, Cap.

#### SUMMER CHANGES

You will have noticed that for the summer our office schedule is scaled back extensively. We vacated the Simon Parish Center this past week to make room for demolition and construction in that space and in the adjoining convent. We have relocated to the school until mid-August when we are scheduled to



move into the expanded parish office space. We have the same parish phone number 785-843-0109, which is answered by parish staff located in the school office. Entry to the temporary parish office is through the main school entry on the Kentucky Street side. Enter the door then take the stairs to the upper floor where you will be directed to the parish office. Office hours are 8:30 am – noon Monday through Friday (except July 3rd & 4th). We also trimmed hours this summer so that some parish staff might go part time in an effort to help our deficit budget. Staff members generously took a cut in pay this year to help us out, even though they continue to fulfill their pledge to the annual stewardship appeal and to the "Preserving our Past . . . Building Our Future!" building campaign. You pay very talented people a modest salary to do amazing things in our parish administration – they are extremely dedicated and generous people – and so are you!

Due to the limited presence of staff on campus throughout the summer, I have asked that we limit the hours for Eucharistic Adoration in the Padre Pio chapel. The chapel will be open when the parish office is open. We are doing this for security reasons, as on occasion we continue to have individuals with specific needs who sometimes approach our parishioners for money. That is not a bad thing, but last year one individual became verbally aggressive with a lady who was in the chapel by herself. She felt trapped in the chapel alone with that person. After giving the man \$2, he left and she was unhurt. As pastor, I have the responsibility for the safety of our parishioners when they are on parish property. I am obliged to take reasonable precautions to ensure a prayerful space that is available and accessible yes, but also one that is safe and welcoming. Reducing the hours of adoration will not provide 100% prevention of another threatening occurrence, but it will greatly reduce the likelihood of its happening. Having people on our campus is the best security measure we can provide. Confessions will continue on Wednesdays from 11:00 – 12:00 noon, but people can sign up for Wednesday morning hours of adoration. Once school resumes, we will return to regular hours for the office and for Eucharistic Adoration.

A while back I mentioned that we would be selling the Catholic Charities house at 1247 Kentucky Street in order to help our budget and building campaign. The house sold two weeks ago with a closing date of July 1st, 2017. Catholic Charities has found a new location into which they hope to move by the end of July. They will relocate temporarily in one of our little houses at the south end of our property at 200 13th street until their new location becomes available (they will publish their new address and contact information). Due to space limitations, their services at the little parish house will be limited to references and vouchers. They will not provide a food pantry at that location. Because the Simon Parish Center will be closed for construction from May 24th through August 15th, St. John Parish will not be accepting donations for Catholic Charities food pantry during that time. St. John Parish will resume its reception of food donations for Catholic Charities' new location on August 15th.

Monday is Memorial Day, a time in which our nation honors those who lost their lives while serving our nation in the armed forces. We will have a special memorial Mass for our fallen troops on Monday at 9:00 am **in the church**. Immediately following will be a blessing of our cemetery. All are invited to attend either or both events. The Knights of Columbus did request to have a Mass at the cemetery and other parishes in the Archdiocese will be doing that. However, I opted to have the Mass in the church mainly because walking around in the cemetery is precarious for seniors and others who are unsure of footing, but also because of the unpredictability of the weather. It requires a lot of organization and work to set up chairs and accessories for a cemetery Mass. It seems more reasonable to me to have the memorial Mass in the church where people can move around more easily and where we can have the Mass in any type of weather. Logistically, much less is involved with having only the blessing in the cemetery. Honestly, I would love to do the Mass at the cemetery. Yet, out of charity, it seems best to have a that special memorial Mass in a location where any might attend who wish.

Thank you for your cards and well-wishes regarding my shoulder surgery. Thanks to your prayers, recovery has gone very well and I hope to begin physical therapy next week.

- Fr. Jeff



A Mission to Love... Couples who stay successfully and happily married have made marriage their mission. They choose not to 'settle down' but instead adopt a proactive approach to put the fun and delight into being a man and a woman in love. This day and a half parish-based event provides the inspiration and insight that enables each couple to create the lifestyle and marriage they have always dreamed of. Clearly there is a difference between loving and being "in love". Living in Love offers liberating insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy and helps couples get in touch with the resources that draw them to each other and fuel their passion.

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Facilitated by parish couples, the weekend is a series of presentations followed by questions for reflection and discussion so that couples can explore the topics together in complete privacy. There is no group discussion or counseling. Topics include: Dreams and Memories • Formation in the Family • Cultural Barriers • Trust • Reconciliation • Affirmation • Signs and Wonders• Living in Love • and Vision.

# Dates

The Faith Community of St John the Evangelist is pleased to offer

Living in Love

June 10 - 11, 2017

Please treat vourselves to this extraordinary experience for the sake of your community, yourselves, and your children

If you are considering working with the engaged couples of the parish, this is the initial training for "Preparing to Live in Love," a new parish pre-cana mentoring program.

Please phone for other dates and venues

Time Table: Sat 8 am - 9 pm; Sun 8 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$70.00 per couple. Includes all materials, refreshments, and a romantic Saturday evening meal.

Accommodations: Parish facilities are used. Couples sleep at home. The retreat will take place in the church basement and Bosco Room at the school

Child Care: Breast fed habies can be cared for at the retreat. Please phone to discuss other situations

Living in Love is a program of the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal

### **Registration Form**

Wife's Name			
Religion			
Husband's Name			
Religion			
Address			
Parish			
Phone (Home/Cell)			
E-mail			
Wedding Date			
Dietary Restrictions			

#### Details

Host Parish: St John the Evangelist

1234 Kentucky Lawrence, KS 66044

Date: 10-11 June, 2017

#### Payment Details (\$70.00 per couple)

Payment can be made at time of registration or at the time of the retreat. Full and partial scholarships are available

in special circumstances.

Register on line:

www.archkck.org/livinginlove

Local Contact: Don and Angela Zysk

Phone: 785-760-0297

Email: angela@zhomesllc.com

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL ACTION**

#### By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns Committee

Pacem in Terris was Saint Pope John XXIII's final encyclical, published on April 11, 1963. In it, he incorporated Sacred Scripture as well as the writings of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aguinas, and Popes Leo XIII, Benedict XV, Pius XI, and Pius XII. The encyclical appeared shortly after the Cuban Missile Crisis and the threat of nuclear war weighed on people the world over.

Rather than focus on the nuclear threat, however, the Pope describes the natural order of God's creation and His merciful intention for us. Peace will not come about through "an equal balance of armaments," says John. Instead, he enumerates the rights that must be protected by all authorities in order for peace to prevail. These include the necessities of life, i.e. food, shelter, clothing, and medical care. Additionally, all persons have the right to honest labor with a just wage and decent conditions. We are entitled to a good education, to receive accurate information, to seek truth as we will, and to emigrate and immigrate without undue restriction. The Pope lauds the progress he sees toward improving workers' rights, the emancipation of women, and the self-determination of emerging nation-states.

Reaction to Pacem in Terris was widely favorable. As the first papal encyclical addressed to Catholics and non-Catholics alike, the Washington Post called it "the voice of the conscience of the world." It was the first encyclical printed in full in the New York Times and was praised by parties as diverse as European Communists and the United States government. President John F. Kennedy said, "As a Catholic, I am proud of it; and as an American, I have learned from it."

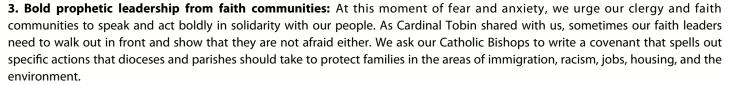
Saint Pope John XXIII died on June 3, 1963.

## **USTICE MATTERS**

#### AN INTERFAITH NETWORK WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Letter from World Meeting on Popular Movements to Pope Francis and the Conference of Catholic Bishops continues below. Note: Number 5 took place in many areas of the west and east coast.

Pat Lechtenberg, plek10berg@aol.com



- 4. One People, One Fight: We commit to break down the walls that divide our struggles. We will not let corporate and political elites pit us against each other. We are in one fight to rebuild a society in which every person is seen as fully human, has a full voice in the decisions that shape their lives and is able to thrive and reach their human potential.
- 5. International Week of Action May 1-7, 2017: We are calling on people in the U.S. and across the globe to stand together against hatred and attacks on families during a week of action May 1-7, 2017.
- 6. State and regional meetings of popular movements: We propose meetings of popular movements in each of our states over the next six months to bring this statement, the vision of the World Meetings and the Pope's message of hope and courage to every community in the United States.
- 7. Popular education: We propose to develop a shared curriculum and popular education program to equip people with analysis and tools to transform the world. We will focus on the development and leadership of young people. We will draw on the wisdom of our faith and cultural traditions, including Catholic Social Teaching. We recognize that our spiritual and political selves are inseparable. We have a moral obligation to confront and disrupt injustice.
- 8. Political power: To defend our families and protect our values we must build political power. We must change the electorate to reflect our communities, through massive efforts to reach out to tens of millions of voters who are ignored and taken for granted by candidates and parties. We must hold elected officials accountable to the common good and encourage people in our communities to take leadership themselves, including running for office, so that we can govern the communities in which we live.

Justice Matters Chat Groups: Chat groups are an opportunity to meet and get better acquainted with other parishioners and to learn more about the work of Justice Matters. We meet at McDonald's on 23rd Street near Louisiana at 10 am on Wednesdays May 31 and June 14. Please join us.



## PARISH & ARCHDIOCESE

#### MARRIAGE MINUTE

During a rough patch in your marriage, have you ever wondered what you got yourself into? Sometimes the monastery looks pretty good, and we can wonder if we missed our call! In this weekend's Gospel, the disciples "worshiped, but they doubted." Jesus appears to them after rising from the dead, and they still aren't 100% convinced. What more could he possibly do?

Well, he has a plan. He will send the Holy Spirit to clothe them "with power from on high." This Spirit will take the outward evidence they have seen and put it into their hearts, so not only will their own doubts be gone, but they will be able to witness to others.

That same Spirit will come upon us next Sunday at Pentecost! To prepare, offer Jesus:

- reoccurring conflicts that make you feel "stuck"
- frustrating things about your spouse you don't understand
- any disappointment or doubt

Will the Spirit work through an enrichment? Find out! Go to www.joyfulmarriageproject.com

#### **Pastoral Council**

Frank Lemus, chair Mary Menendez **Brian Walter** 

Sarah Hartsig Sean Smith Lily Romero

Chris Wenger Nancy Albrecht **Bob Trepinski** 

#### **Finance Council**

Brad Finkeldei, chair Vince Romero

Teresa Kempf Meredith Lang Brian Green Chris Wenger

#### **School Council**

LeMarie Gilbert, Pres. Jimmy McDonald Mike McDonald Fr. Jeff Ernst

Caroline Bennett Mrs. Pat Newton

Karen Peltier Mary Menendez

#### EGGS NEEDED FOR FIESTA!



Mark your calendar! This year the St. John Fiesta will be June 23 & 24. Please consider saving your egg shells for confetti eggs.

If you can help, it is very much appreciated. Feel free to go a step further by decorating them (no sequins or anything hard on shell covering).

Leave on the back porch of the Parish center (shelf marked Fiesta). Thanks to all who have helped with this project in the past. It is a big money maker! If you have any questions call Irene, (785) 979-3671.

## **MINISTERS June 3-4**

#### **LECTORS**

Saturday	
4:30pm	L1: S Roesner; L2: S Ohlmacher
Sunday	
7:00am	L1: C Zebas; L2: T Dowd Kelne
8:30am	L1: L Leroux Smith; L2: E Dvorske
	L1: J Gripka; L2: Charlie D
5:00pm	L1: M Williams; L2: C Phipps

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

#### Contact:

Amanda Sellet

#### **CANTORS**

Saturday	
4:30pm	A Mauler
Sunday	
7:00am	M Steichen
8:30am	J Krones

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday	
4:30pm	L Seidl, D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill,
•••••	D Depenbusch, J Halderman
Sunday	
7:00am	L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon
	M Ice, S Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf, B Kessler,
	K Kohnke, K Ostrander
11:00am	D Thimmesch, L Tiffany, T Towle,
	N Allensworth, B Baska, B Bermudez, C Bial
5:00pm	T Reznicek, D&E Schmidt, J Weeks,
	D Wulf-Walter, N Albrecht

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

**Wednesday:** 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm

**Saturday:** 3:00-4:00pm

Or by appointment. Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule, or email: frjeff@saint-johns.net frbarnabas@saint-johns.net

#### FIESTA PRIZES NEEDED



Do you have any little toys, books, kits, knickknacks, or other items you can donate to the prize table at the Fiesta children's games?

If so, please contact Nora Murphy: (785) 331-0421 or nora7@sbcglobal.net

### ST. JOHN HABITAT BUILD DAY

We have spots for 20 St. John's volunteers to build at the current Building on Faith house by Lawrence Habitat for Humanity at **9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 3**. St. John Parish and other Lawrence churches contributed funds to build the house for the family of Rebecca Esparza.

The home is at 1905 E. 17th Street in a neighborhood with other recent Habitat homes. If you are interested, you can contact St. John's Habitat liaison, George Diepenbrock, g.diepenb@gmail.com, 785-423-0505, to get a release form. 16 or 17-year-old builders must have a parent's signature.

#### K OF C GOLF CLASSIC

The 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Council #1372 Golf Classic will be Friday, September 22, at Eagle Bend Golf Course. This event is open to men and women and will be\$100 per golfer, \$380 per team. Entry includes the round of golf, cart, gift/snack bag, one beverage ticket, and entry to the awards ceremony located at Outlet Park.

Contact Darin Denning at **(785) 760-0788** to learn more or to register you and/or your team!

### ST. JOHN SCHOOL









#### **Schedule Your Visit:**

Visit online at **sjevangelist.com/school**, call (785) 843-9511 or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at **newton@saint-johns.net** for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!

### ST. JOHN YOUTH



#### **Get Involved This Summer!**

Visit **sjevangelist.com/youth** to register now for Steubenville South in Alexandria, Louisiana (June 23-27) and Prayer and Action in Osage City (July 9-14). Contact Kaylee Butler at **kbutler@saint-johns.net** to learn more about being a part of the St. John Youth Program!

#### **GROCERY CARDS & TRASH BAGS**

# June 3-4 Padre Pio Chapel @ North Entrance after all Masses except 2pm & 5pm

Purchase Hy-Vee gift cards and Hy-Vee donates 6% back to St. John School. Sold in \$50 or \$100 increments.

Purchase Checkers gift cards and Checkers donates 6% back to the school. Sold in \$50 and \$100 increments.

Purchase Merc gift cards and the Merc donates 6% back to the school. Gift card good on all purchases at the Merc. Sold in \$50 increments.

Dillons stores have replaced their gift card program with Community Rewards. Go to **www.dillons.com/communityrewards**, register your Plus Shopper's Card number, and designate St. John School **#29296**.

**PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR CASH.** Credit cards will be accepted, but reduce our overall profit. Make checks to "St. John School."

<u>Submit the form below BEFORE Mass to expedite your order. Your order will be ready to pick up after Mass.</u>

Or Pre-Order Online: sjevangelist.com/grocery

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White	18 gal.	60	\$12	
Yellow	39 gal.	20	\$12	
Blue	55 gal.	15	\$12	

TOTAL AMOUNT:

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

Frank Acinger, brother of Bernadette West

**Nicole Allensworth** 

**Grace Austin** 

**Gayla Barnes** 

Samantha Bell

**Barbara Braddy** 

**Remi Brown** 

Christine Crandon, sister-in-law of Brent Crandon

**Matthew Decker** 

Linda Erp, mother of Emily Vigne

Mary Felton Coleman File Cyril Foote, Sr.

**Ed Garza** 

Kenneth Gilbert Mark Grosdidier

Buddy Hadl Betty Hanna Jenny Hernandez

Jessie Hernandez Dianne Hofmann Kevin Hoover

Bob Holek

Lottie Keating, daughter of Joe & Laura Keating

Diana Matthews Barb Marden

**Francine Mesa** 

Barb Nabower, sister of Patty Lyon

**Theophilus Obiefule** 

Allan Otter, brother of Norb Otter

Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter

**Kathy Rennells** 

Eva Ricketts, mother of Ingrid Hartman

**CB Riling** 

**Joel Rivera** 

**Mark Salaman** 

**Natalie Salisbury** 

Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova

**Mary Kay Seidl** 

Nikki Shrode

**Gerald Simon** 

Frank Stagg, father of Susan Williams

**Delores Tharpe,** cousin of Jackie Monroe

**Chuck Umscheid** 

**Angelica Villa** 

Cindy Vasquez, sister of Gina Hodges

**Greg Walker,** brother of Ted Walker

Christy Walters, friend of Bev Mater

Tasha Williams

**John Woods** 

Please join our St. John prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at:

Imersmann@saint-johns.net

#### IN MEMORIAM

Stan Brown

Helen (Scanlan

### MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 29-JUNE 4

Monday: 9:00am .. Deceased Members of the Military† **Tuesday:** 7:30am ...... Ken Schneweis Wednesday: 7:30am.....Bernadette Lee 7:30am.....Osborne-O'Connor Family† Thursday: Friday: 7:30am ...... Witold Grzymala-Busse† 8:00am ...... Christina Lee Saturday: 4:30pm ......Paul & Clem Zillner† Sunday: 7:00am.....Susan Gelvin† & Family 8:30am......Maria & Michal Raczek† 11:00am ......Edith Direaux† 2:00pm (Sp.) ...... St. John Parish 5:00pm .....Elaine Hilger†

#### QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

#### Besiege Heaven with Prayer: Storm Heaven with the Rosary

Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the church for one hour. We have the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers. "When two or more are joined together, Our Lord is there with us."

#### WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month to be prayerfully inspired by biblical women and the third Tuesday of the month to be inspired by women saints. Join us any time, no preparation necessary. We meet in the St John School Library. For more information, please contact Beth Fox **785-840-5561** or Cheryl Hicklin **785-691-5607**.

#### ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group meets every Monday at 12:00 noon in the Padre Pio Chapel to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to the prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone is welcome!

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### ST. JOHN CAFÉ TO GO

St. John Café is on a break for the summer months, but that doesn't mean you Catholic questions have to go unanswered! We're introducing "Café To Go," a simple way to ask your question to one of our priests! Simply scan the QR code with your phone or tablet and submit your question—it's that easy! If we have room, we may even include your question (anonymously) and the response in the bulletin for others to read and enjoy. Café To Go is also available on the St. John App—or see the box in the north entrance of the church!

#### FALL CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

#### The Life of Christians in the Early Roman Empire

Life was dangerous for the earliest Christians. Unless they agreed to worship the gods of Rome, they could not work and would be persecuted. So how did this "small, despised and illegal Jewish cult" of a few thousand members grow to the point that it would become the dominant cultural force in Rome by 325 A.D.? How that all happened will be the subject of Fr. Barnabas's next class beginning in September. See www.sjevangelist.com for more information.



**Got a question about the Catholic faith? Ask away!** Whether it's something historical, spiritual, or related to current events, our priests will do their best to provide you with an answer!

Scan the QR code to the left to submit your question. Need help downloading a QR reader to your phone or tablet? Email **phaack@saint-johns.net** or call 785-843-0109 and ask for Pete.

NOTE: Depending on the volume of questions and priest availability, response time may vary.

## STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Please join us on Saturday, June 3, during the 4:30pm evening Mass for a special blessing of our volunteers. Immediately following the Mass will be a cake reception downstairs in the church basement. All are welcome!



#### HIS HANDS MINISTRY

His Hands, St. John's ministry to those who are elderly and those who live with disability in our parish, is trying to find someone a ride to Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. The person lives on John Doy Court, in the vicinity of Peterson Road.

If you can help in this way, please contact Susan Tabor, the His Hands service coordinator, at **(785) 865-9949** or **souljourner@sbcglobal.net**.

Thank you!

### ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving. Volunteers work both during store hours and behind the scenes when the store is closed. Sorting crews work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

If you are interested in helping the parish with this ministry, email Linda Brey at <a href="mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com">lbrey525@gmail.com</a> for more info.

# STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

#### WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 Information below reflects donations received July 1, 2016 through May 21, 2017.

Budgeted weekly amount	\$27,403.84
Average weekly amount	\$28,078.61
Budgeted YTD	\$1,287,980.48
Actual YTD	\$1,319,695.07
Net OVERAGE in Giving	\$31,714.59

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

We are grateful for your support of St. John Parish. Our online giving program allows you to make contributions to St. John without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. You may set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may also make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations to special causes.

Visit **sjevangelist.com/giving** for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

#### **MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA**

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **(785)** 218-1511.

#### CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir pos nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

#### **PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR**

Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

#### **RECICLAGE**

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

#### LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

#### **CLASE PREBAUTISMAL**

La clase pre-bautismal es **cada segundo sábado del mes** en un salón del Ministerio Hispano. Es obligatorio registrarse primero en la oficina parroquial llamando a Jessie al tel. 913 321 1958.

Preparacion al matrimonio por la Iglesia Catolica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen ninos.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmacion y primera communion.

**CURSO DE VERANO** en junio y julio para prepararse a la primera communion, ninos de tercer grado para Arriba.



#### 28 de mayo de 2017

#### LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

La Carta a los Efesios nos ofrece precisamente lo que las comunidades presentes necesitan de pedir al Señor resucitado. Jesús está listo para partir al lugar de donde vino. Deja su misión encomendada a unos cuantos, un grupo muy pequeño. El tiempo de trabajar ha llegado ahora solo falta que "Les ilumine la mente para que comprendan cuál es la esperanza que les da su llamamiento" (Ef 1, 18). Todos los bautizados somos llamados a trabajar por esta misión que aparentemente es sencilla, pero, que, es trabajo de toda la vida. ¡Dar a conocer el reino de Dios! Siendo testigos de ese amor que habita en el interior de cada persona y dando testimonio de eso que creemos.

La Ascensión del Señor, nos dice el Papa Francisco, "Nos hace conocer esta realidad tan consoladora para nuestro camino: en Cristo, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, nuestra humanidad ha sido llevada junto a Dios; Él nos abrió el camino; Él es como un jefe de cordada cuando se escala una montaña, que ha llegado a la cima y nos atrae hacia sí conduciéndonos a Dios. Si confiamos en Él nuestra vida, si nos dejamos guiar por Él, estamos ciertos de hallarnos en manos seguras, en manos de nuestro salvador, de nuestro abogado" (Audiencia general, 17 de abril de 2013). ¿Creemos esto que nos dice el Papa Francisco sobre Jesús? ¿Cómo debo responder ahora? Ojalá que escojamos ser cada día fieles discípulos en el lugar donde estemos, ya sea como padres y madres de familia, como estudiantes, como inmigrantes fieles a nuestras tradiciones de fe y cultura; confiando en las palabras de Jesús, "Yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo" (Mt 28, 20).

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La buena noticia de la Ascensión del Señor es que él regresa al lugar correcto donde siempre había estado: "a la derecha del Padre". Y es desde ahí que nos prepara un lugar a cada uno de nosotros. La glorificación de Cristo es el misterio de la Ascensión, y mediante ésta nos remite a la exaltación del Hijo de Dios. En este sentido Jesús ha sido constituido Señor de los Señores, participando en el poder y la autoridad del mismo Dios. Los discípulos se quedan desorientados y abandonados viendo al cielo. ¿Ahora qué va a pasar? Pero Jesús no los abandona, sino que su eterna presencia se queda entre nosotros a través del Espíritu Santo: "Yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo" (Mt 28, 20).

No se vale quedarnos mirándonos sin construir cada uno de nosotros nuestra propia responsabilidad como cristianos. La sociedad de hoy tiene mucho por hacer y debe ser impulsada con las mismas palabras de los ángeles de aquel día de la ascensión: "Galileos, ¿qué hacen allí parados, mirando al cielo?" (Hch 1, 11). Los cristianos no estamos llamados a ser espectadores pasivos. Tenemos una misión que cumplir: la tarea firme de hacer discípulos para así continuar la obra de Jesús. Aunque debemos de reconocer que muchas veces nos encontramos en la situación de aquellos discípulos. También nosotros estamos en tiempo de tensión: ellos estaban entre la Ascensión y Pentecostés; nosotros estamos entre Pentecostés y la segunda venida de Jesús. ¿Cómo vivimos este tiempo de espera? ¿Mirando hacia el cielo sin hacer nada o proclamando la Palabra de Dios? El Papa Francisco nos invita a ser cristianos de esperanza viviendo el gozo del Evangelio con alegría en medio de nuestro diario vivir.



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